2020 Nebraska Legislative Session Preview
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Agenda

• 2020 Nebraska Legislative Preview
• Board Update Process
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Nebraska’s 106th Legislature

• January 8th – Legislature convenes at 10 a.m.
• January 13th – Debate on carry-over legislation begins
• January 21st – Public hearings begin
• January 23rd – Last day of bill introduction
• February 19th – Deadline for Speaker priority requests
• February 21st – Deadline for designation of committee and senator priority bills
• February 25th – Speaker priority bills announced prior to adjournment
• February 27th – Date to complete committee public hearings on introduced bills
• March 3rd – Full-day debate
• April 23rd – Day 60, sine die
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• Themes are similar to last year
• Major themes include:
  – Property taxes
  – Tax incentives
  – Workforce development
  – Flood recovery
  – Corrections
• Legislation from 2019 known as “hold over legislation” has the ability to move forward in this session
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• Likely topics related to OPPD and our industry:
  • Data privacy
  • Economic development – taxes and workforce
  • Decarbonization Study/Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS)
  • Broadband
  • Home Owners Association (HOA) governance
  • Linda’s law – Medical shutoffs
  • LB218 fix for rural electric cooperatives
  • Governance for MEAN/NMPP
  • Non-traditional fuels
  • Electric vehicles
  • Net metering
  • Others that will arise
Legislative Policy Review

OPPD Legislative Outreach

• Manage needs throughout year; meet with internal stakeholders to identify potential needs
• Meet with senators, legislative aides and community leaders

Legislation Review

• Government Relations team review with subject matter experts (SME)
• Review correlation with Strategic Directives and Board Linkages
• Enter bill into OPPD bill tracker
• Develop a legislative brief for major topics

Senior Management & Board Alignment

• Ensure alignment on positions
• Strategy and action plan development
• Prepare for upcoming actions

Updates

• Update Public Information Committee
• Directors update
• Time sensitive updates to SMT and board on emerging issues/positions
Board Update Process

• Monthly update to Public Information Committee during state session
  – Focus on providing review of legislative issues

• Monthly updates at Board Committee Meeting
  – Review legislative bill and regulatory highlights

• Weekly Directors Update
  – Includes bill tracking document with updates highlighted

• Time-sensitive updates sent to board on emerging issues/positions